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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Feb. 26

Wednesday, February 27

Advisory Council Meeting - Tomah

Friday, March 1

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - March 1 - 2

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - March 1 - 2

Saturday, March 2

Embrace Your Call to Holiness Women's Conference - Altoona

Rite of Election Retreats - Stevens Point, Altoona and La Crosse

9:00am Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center

Friday, March 8

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 8 - 9

WCRIS Annual Leadership Conference - Pewaukee

Saturday, March 9

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah

Sunday, March 10

Safe Haven Sunday - All parishes

2:00pm Rite of Election - La Crosse

Monday, March 11

7:00pm Webinar - Raise Them Well - Physical Maturity

Saturday, March 16

7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Prairie du Chien

9:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wisconsin Rapids

Sunday, March 17

10:30am Father Joseph Walijewski Anniversary Mass - Live Stream

10:30am Father Joseph Walijewski Anniversary Mass - La Crosse

Friday, March 22

Deacon Formation Lenten Retreat - Marathon - March 22 - 24

9:00am Prayer Teacher In-Service - Marshfield

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details; date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608-791-2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Bulletin Announcement for Lent: Understand and Engage with Scripture like never before
Watch *Genesis to Jesus* for free this Lent. Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center will make the big picture of the Bible become exceptionally clear and vibrantly alive for you. Sign up for free streaming here: stpaulcenter.com/streaming

Prayer Resources for Lent

The season of Lent is a time that most people want to spend more time in prayer. Engage with parents about family prayer and provide them with a Prayer Card and Resources for each of their children (Pre-K through 12th grade). [Click here](#) for all materials. These resources were developed in response to requests by students through interviews and surveys. Catholic school teachers and catechists are to support parents by using the materials in their classrooms. Note: There are also eight, 90-minute sessions on How God Guides Us available. [Click here](#) and scroll down to the 12th Grade.

Renewal is Needed! Training for Online Learning on April 26th

The Catechetical Institute has built an amazing online learning system for forming those who form others. Below are a sample of the many workshops available:

- 1) The Vocation of the Catechist (**Catechist** Track)
- 2) Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist (**DRE/CRE** Track)
- 3) A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry (**Youth Ministry** Track)
- 4) The Human Person: God's Masterpiece (**Catholic School** Track)
- 5) Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis (**RCIA** Track)

Parish and School leaders are invited to training for the following tracks: Catechist, Youth Ministry, RCIA, Parish Catechetical Leader and Catholic School. Every school and parish needs to be represented

Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute will train on **April 26th** at the **Holy Cross Diocesan Center from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Further details and registration to follow soon. Click on this link for a sample workshop: <https://franciscanathome.com/>

Note: The Leadership in Christ Conference will follow this training Friday evening. See details under Office for Ministries.

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Office for Communications

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E-Mail Spear Phishing into our parishes

We have received yet another report of a targeted attack by a crafted Gmail address, attempting to represent the pastor. There are two things you, and everyone that receives the scam message, can do.

1. Report the Gmail address used to send the phishing message to Google as a violation of the Gmail Program Policies and/or Terms of Use by using this link:

<https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

2. Report the phishing message by moving the message into your Spam folder and, if you are using Gmail, open the message, next to Reply, click More, and then click Report phishing.

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en> Thank you for your diligence and attention to these clever attacks.

Bishop Callahan's Lenten Message

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your parish Facebook and your parish website. We will also be using Facebook video cross posting for the Lenten Message from Bishop Callahan

Reminder: Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events – special section for April Catholic Life

If your parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event, please send the information to datebook@diolc.org. In addition to adding it to the [diocesan calendar](#), your parish event will also be featured in a special section of the April issue of Catholic Life magazine. All events received by March 13th will be published in the April Catholic Life magazine.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Alice Heinzen – 608-791-2673 | aheinzen@diolc.org

Reminder: 50th Wedding Anniversary | Do we have your couples' names? | By March 19th

This is the second reminder that our office needs the names of the couples in your parish who are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2019. Click [here](#) to download the reminder notice. Please have all names to us by March 19th.

Teaching the Way of Love March Newsletter is ready for Distribution

The next parenting newsletter is ready. This month's focus is Intellectual Maturity. Click [here](#) to download the newsletter. Thank you for widely distributing this resource to the parents you serve.

For your parish bulletin: Raise Them Well Webinar | March 11th | Understanding Physical Maturity

Parents: need help to talk with your kids about their changing body? Do you know what to say, when to say it and how to give them the truth about puberty? Plan to join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen on Monday, March 11th at 7 p.m. for this webinar on physical maturity. The evening's discussion will equip and give you confidence to talk with your children as they become adults. The webinar costs \$5. It includes the live event, multiple downloads and access to the post recording. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/314643382497428/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Want a more joyful marriage?

Spouses who do things together find the most joy within marriage. Want to learn how to become more united with your spouse in all facets of your marriage? Attend the next Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat on March 28-31st at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends at noon on Sunday. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 608-791-2673 or email familylife@diolc.org.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609228392923047/>

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Office for Ministries

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Leadership in Christ Conference – Save the Date – April 26-27, 2019

“Transformation is Possible” –Bill Keimig, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning on what it means to be transformed as a person, a family and a parish, and keys to getting there. Breakout sessions by topic will follow on Saturday afternoon. Watch for more details coming soon. Contact – Chris Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at

ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161. If you would like to sit in on a class the last weekend (April 5-6 option) for a “sample,” just ask.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Rite of Election, March 10

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#).

Motor coach Bus Transportation for the Rite of Election

St. Anne Parish in Wausau is looking into organizing a motor coach bus for the trip to the Rite of Election on March 10. If your parish location is along the way between Wausau and La Crosse and you would be interested in riding along, contact John Schmitt, Director of Faith Formation at St. Anne Parish to work out the details. Total cost of the bus is estimated at \$1,000. Expenses would be pro-rated to all participating parishes based off of the number of passengers from each parish. John can be reached at 715-849-3930 x306 or johns@stannesausau.org

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Chrism Mass, April 16

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! If you are unable to attend you can watch the live stream at diolc.org/live.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1949276835140062/>

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Office for Safe Environment

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at:

www.diolc.org . **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

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Office for Social Concerns

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Project Seed Sales coming soon

A Forage & Seed Corn sale, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations: March 16 in Richland Center; March 23 in Kendall; March 30 in Stanley/Boyd; April 6 in Cassel; April 13 in Colby. Full details can be found at <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/>

Catholics at the Capitol April 30

Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) joins several Catholic organizations in hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. Hundreds of Wisconsin Catholics come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. *Catholics at the Capitol 2019* will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, celebrating both the Wisconsin Catholic Conference's 50th Anniversary and 20 years of hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. [Register here](#). If you plan to attend, please let Chris Ruff know at 608-791-0161 so participants from the Diocese of La Crosse can connect.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/939735963082676/>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mites Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. The **Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program in our Catholic Schools, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. The **Rice Bowl program** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice Bowl is an elective program that has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the [Mission Office](#) or the [Office for Ministries and Social Concerns](#).

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Temporalities

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Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 | awierzba@diolc.org

Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

Reminder: Save the Date: 1st Annual Golf Outing to support vocations will be held at Cedar Creek Golf Course in Onalaska on Monday, June 17, 2019. 18-hole 4-person team. More information to follow.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1000963323447219/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin until the weekend of March 13th Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sister's life.

When: March 23, 2019

Who: Girls ages 9-12

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by March 13 (or until filled) at

www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/354294368682728/>

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be held November 21- 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. NCYC is held biennially and gathers more than 22,000 Catholic teens, parish youth ministry coordinators, bishops, pastors, parents, school campus ministers, adult chaperones, coaches, scout leaders, and diocesan leaders.

Attn: parish staff - Our first NCYC Informational Meeting will be online using Zoom and held Feb 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. For information on joining this online meeting please follow the link: <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/more-inforegister.html>

Catholic Scout Retreat

Place: St. Patrick's School – 100 South L Street – Sparta - WI

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: Registration 8:30 to 9:00AM sessions will end at 4PM

Meals: Lunch & snacks provided

*No Cost free will donations accepted

*This retreat is for Boy Scouts ages 13 and older or have completed the 6th grade

*For Information contact: Cindy Sjolander at 608-792-4911 or

catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com

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